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CIA: Casey Responds

I am pleased with the way the article "The Secret Warriors" (NATIONAL AFFAIRS, Oct. 10) conveys the dedication and quality of the people here at the CIA. However, I cannot let stand statements and impressions which are simply not true and which can damage American interests and relationships around the world.

As you know, it is established policy not to comment on intelligence matters so I cannot go into detail. I can only state that I have been provided with a list of some 30 inaccuracies and things that never happened that appeared in your article. One which I can specifically deny because it would be illegal, and CIA does not violate the law, is the allegation that CIA is providing covert aid to the insurgents in Angola.

In a lesser vein, the degree of inaccuracy is illustrated in the statement that I am "traveling at least 50 percent of the time." This is a 700 percent distortion of the truth.

On a personal note, I would have hoped in associating my name with Robert Vesco that you would have acknowledged that it was I, as chairman of the SEC, who acted to stop Vesco's worldwide looting of stockholders' moneys and took unprecedented and successful initiatives to protect the in-

vestors he defrauded. In my confirmation by the Senate Intelligence Committee, Stanley Sporkin, SEC enforcement chief at the time the Vesco case was broken, spelled this out. He stated that I "directly involved [my]self in aggressively pursuing the investigation . . . pressed the staff to complete the investigation and to proceed with the appropriate enforcement action as soon as possible . . . had the foresight to seek the cooperation of other affected governments." He concluded that the Vesco action is "one of the most impressive and important enforcement cases in which the SEC has ever been involved" in which "over 400 million dollars have been recaptured for investors throughout the world."

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